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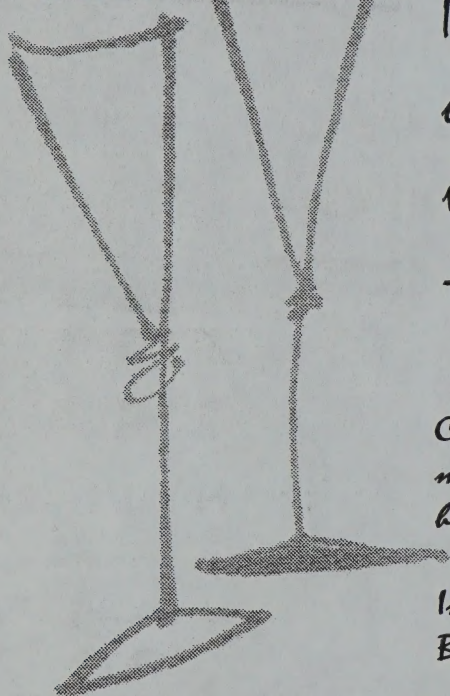
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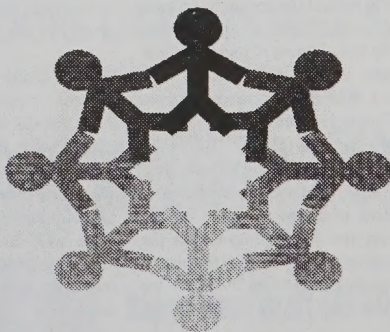
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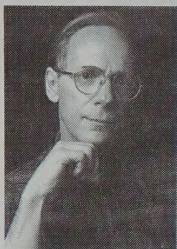


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From the Editor

by Dennis Cambly



A Touch of Class

There is always that Great Spirit in Edmonton. I found it here the day I arrived and it still lives on even stronger today. It was so good to see so many people participate in the Gay and Lesbian Pride Week this year. All the way back to early October of '98 up until the Pride Dance on June 19th. You proved once again that we can work and play together and put together a terrific week of fun.

For those of you who don't know it there were well over a hundred people working behind the scenes to prepare all the events. Some of those people gave up lots of hours of their free time to make certain every detail was covered. With all the involvement from the Business community via the Edmonton Rainbow Business Association all the budgets were met. Many other volunteers contributed to countless meetings to make certain that everyone was kept up-to-date the things progressed. For all of the people who made the funding available we say thank you!

Things are starting to roll again for Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 2000 here in Edmonton. Be watching for notices that will invite you to participate or offer suggestions for next year. The first meeting is scheduled for early

September so we will keep you informed on a monthly basis.

It was a particularly a good experience for me as I had the opportunity to meet so many people who contribute to Times .10 but have never met. Many people send in their articles via e-mail or fax and this was a good time to meet you and have a chance to talk face to face. I met over twenty contributors and writers at the Pride Business and Arts Fair alone.

With some extra special help we did a bit of house cleaning here at Times .10 Publications Society. You may have noticed that we changed our format to a magazine style publication. To those of you who are new to our readership we started out this way and changed for financial reasons to the much cheaper newsprint. It is with your help and support that we are back on track. That took a bit of work and with that extra help we also put together four pages of colour pictures from the parade. Isn't it just a touch of class? Edmonton, you deserve the best we can offer.

Next year, would those people who were waving at us from their apartments, please come down on the street and join in the fun?

Finally, thank you to folks on the Awards Committee for the Michael Phair Award. It was very kind of you and came as quite a surprise when Kristy called me to let me know. It is a real privilege and an honour to be the recipient of this award. So to all of those who have been volunteering this award is in a great part due to your continued support in the many forms it takes. Thank you.

And now it is time to take our much deserved summer recess as this issue is for July and August. We will be back to start year Seven at the end of August. Have a wonderful fun filled summer and be careful out there.

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"New Drug From Pharmacia May Fight Resistant AIDS Strains"

Wall Street Journal

Researchers from Pharmacia & Upjohn and the Belgian biotechnology firm Virco report that a protease inhibitor being developed by Pharmacia is active against many strains of HIV, including some that are resistant to other anti-HIV drugs. The drug, tripranavir, has performed beyond all expectations in laboratory tests, and researchers hope to begin trials in patients resistant to existing drugs later this year. The researchers, who presented their findings at the Third International Workshop on HIV Resistance and Treatment Strategies, found that only three of 107 mutated HIV strains tested were completely resistant to tripranavir, and eight were mildly resistant. According to Virco's Dr. Brendan Larder, tripranavir seems more flexible than other protease inhibitors—which include Merck & Co.'s Crixivan and Agouron's Viracept—allowing it to fit into active sites regardless of whether they change shape.

"Trade Agency Finds Web Slippery with Snake Oil"

New York Times

The Federal Trade Commission is cracking down on medical deception on the Internet through its Operation Cure All. On two "health claims surf days" in 1997 and 1998, investigators from around the world located 400 sites per session that had questionable offers. Phony

cures were being offered for 30 diseases—including AIDS, multiple sclerosis, liver disease, and cancer—and ran the gamut from shark cartilage to magnets. The FTC has reached settlements with four of the offenders, but there are so many more that officials say they cannot take action against all of them. More than 22 million U.S. adults searched for health care information on the Internet last year.

"Breakthrough Offers New Hope for AIDS Vaccine"

Nando Times Online

An international team of researchers has found a link between HIV and key proteins the virus uses to attack cells, and they have developed a vaccine based on their discovery. HIV requires receptors, including the CD4 receptor and CCR5 proteins, for access into cells. Tests revealed a very close link between CCR5 and CD4 but not between other proteins and receptors involved in HIV's infection process. The study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, notes that previous research suggests that those with naturally defective CCR5 genes can resist HIV infection.

"World Bank Behind Drive to Develop Cheap AIDS Vaccine for the Poor"

Sydney Morning Herald Online

The World Bank is proffering a US\$5 billion package to pharmaceutical

companies willing to help develop a cheap HIV vaccine for those in the developing world. The offer underscores the bank's belief that HIV is a serious threat to efforts to eliminating world poverty. Many pharmaceutical companies have balked at developing a cheap AIDS vaccine, fearing they would not recoup their losses from developing world customers. Currently, there are 33 million people living with HIV, 90 percent of who are in developing nations.

"The Field of Vaccine Candidates"

American Medical News

There are about 40 experimental HIV vaccines in clinical trials worldwide, although AIDSvax has progressed the farthest. For fiscal year 1999, the National Institutes of Health is spending \$194 million in an effort to find a viable vaccine. The most common approach to a vaccine involves putting HIV genes into canarypox, where it replicates HIV protein, giving the host immunity. A more controversial method involves using a whole killed or live-attenuated virus for vaccination. Most vaccines successful against viruses have used either whole killed or live-attenuated vaccines; however, HIV enters cell genes and remains there permanently, complicating matters. Other possible HIV vaccines are using salmonella or the cowpox virus to induce immunity.

"FTC Warns Against Home

HIV Tests"

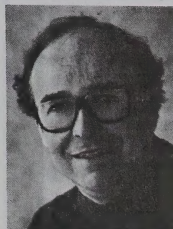
Washington Post

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has issued a warning about some home HIV tests sold over the Internet. In a consumer alert, the agency cautioned, "Using one of these kits could give a person who might be infected with HIV the false impression that he or she is not infected." FTC tests showed that, when a known HIV-infected sample was used, the tests indicated that the sample was not infected. While Internet advertisements have falsely stated or suggested that various well-known health groups cleared the kits. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved only Home Access Health's Home Access Express home HIV test kit and the World Health Organization does not approve or license HIV tests, the FTC said.

"Phone Cards to Be Used in AIDS Awareness Program"

Los Angeles Times Online

The California State Department of Health Services is nearly tripling the number of telephone calling cards it is offering counties and other agencies for AIDS prevention. The calling cards provide 10 minutes of free long-distance time but first require users to listen to a 15-second AIDS prevention message. The state will provide over 100,000 cards for English speaker and 26,000 Spanish-language cards. The program aims to supply AIDS prevention information to people who would otherwise have little exposure to such messages.



Insider News

by Michael Phair
Edmonton City Councillor

What's On My Mind!

In mid-July, City Council will debate the biggest issue of this term—and maybe over the last 15 years—and that is whether we should sell or retain Epcor (Edmonton Power to most of us). Mayor Smith has tabled a motion to start that process of selling the company and that will be debated on July 15.

The production of electricity for Edmontonians has been part of the city operations for over a 100 years. Although the operation has grown to be a very large enterprise, most of the basics

have remained the same: burning of coal or gas to turn a turbine that produces electricity, which is transmitted by wires to your home or business. Currently, Epcor is a 'holding company' that produces, transmits, and sells electricity. The operation is valued at around \$3 billion dollars and provides the city with nearly \$100 million annually for the city budget. Certainly Epcor is the city's single most valuable asset.

About 7 years ago, City Council set Epcor up as a stand-alone company at arms length from Council—somewhat like a Crown Corporation. Council appoints a Board of Directors who hire the CEO, set policy and run the day to day operations. City Council acts as the 'shareholder' and we set the annual dividend, customer rates and determine

the ownership of the company.

Over the last 10 to 15 years there has been major moves by governments to both deregulate and privatize electricity. The provincial government last year passed a bill to deregulate electricity in Alberta, which applies to Epcor, and which will come into effect over the next 3 years. Soon there will be private companies trying to sell you electricity much like has happened in the telephone industry.

With the changes that are taking place, some Edmontonians and members of Council think that now is the time to sell Epcor and take the money and invest it in stocks, bonds, and securities and use the interest to replace the \$100 million that goes to the city's annual budget. It appears that if we keep the company, the

dividend will decrease by 2 to 10 million over the next 5 years and then will begin to rise again and exceed \$100 million, perhaps by quite a bit in 8 to 10 years.

As I mentioned at the beginning of the article, this is a very significant question for all Edmontonians. I would appreciate your opinion on selling or not selling, and would be happy to provide you with further information if you wish.

Also on my mind is the fun and great spirits of Pride '99. From the readings at Orlando's Bookstore to the Saturday night dance, I really had a good time. The highlight for me, of course was the PARADE! It was so 'up' and so good to see so many people, groups and organizations, floats and cars. I had a wonderful time and I was filled with PRIDE! I am already anxious for Pride 2000! Councillor Michael Phair can be reached at 496-8146 (phone), 496-8113 (fax), or e-mail: michael.phair@gov.edmonton.ab.ca

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Capital City Politics



This is Outrageous!

By Nancy McBeth - Alberta
Liberal Leader

Alberta has had only one change of government in the last 64 years. More and more people are noticing how detached and arrogant the Klein government has become. I have some examples for you.

"We need more teachers – Klein gives us more cabinet ministers."

Across Alberta, parents are pleading for more teachers and smaller classrooms. As of September, the provincial education system will have ten thousand additional students. As a result of inadequate funding by the Klein government, the Alberta Teachers' Association estimates that 700 full-time teaching positions will have to be cut across the province. The government's response: more cabinet ministers! The cost of these extra ministers? Probably close to \$1.5 million per year when you add the office staff, assistants, expense accounts, taxpayer owned luxury vehicles, etc. In fact, the cost of the Klein cabinet bureaucracy has

ballooned by nearly 37% in the past five years. Most Albertans agree that we need more teachers and nurses, not more bureaucrats!

"Klein attacks nurses for asking for 13% - but hands cabinet ministers' assistants a 15% salary increase."

Alberta has a shortage of nurses as a result of low pay, brutal working conditions and several years of the Klein government's chronic under-funding of Alberta's nurses, doctors and hospitals. In an attempt to protect the quality of patient care nurses are asking for a combination of a 13% wage increase and the hiring of more nurses. On a daily basis, nurses care for, comfort and protect burn victims, premature babies, cancer patients, senior citizens, and the terminally ill. In contrast, ministerial executive assistants require certain skills and do perform useful functions. They are responsible for chauffeuring cabinet ministers around in taxpayer-funded vehicles, picking up dry cleaning, helping with scheduling, and acting as spokesperson in the Minister's absence. But for the Premier to hand them a 14.7% increase while berating our nurses shows just how much he and his government have lost their sense of perspective.

"Government sits on \$1.1 billion surplus while public education and public health care are in turmoil."

Using actual oil and natural gas prices, interest rates, exchange rates for the first quarter of the 1999-2000 fiscal year, and the government's own projections for the remainder of the year, your Alberta Liberal MLAs forecast

the provincial budget surplus to be \$1.1 billion! Alberta laws require that 75% of this surplus be applied against the debt. With some of the remaining \$250 million surplus the government could preserve the integrity of our hospitals and meet the needs of our nurses. The government could use the remaining portion to prevent the loss of teachers and the perennial operating deficits in our schools. Have Klein and his Ministers become so detached that they no longer realize that they are hurting the very people whom they were elected to serve?

"Contempt for the Legislative Assembly is growing as Government MLAs no longer bother to take part in public debate."

Tory MLAs have become so arrogant that most of them don't even bother speaking in the Legislative Assembly anymore. For example, during the recent spring sitting of the Alberta Legislature, about 83 hours were spent debating 39 government bills. The 17 Alberta Liberal MLAs spoke for about 66 hours on these bills. The 2 NDP MLAs spoke for 3 hours. And the 64 Tory MLAs spoke for a grand total of 14 hours; this works out to about 13 minutes per MLA. Distributed over the 39 bills, the average speaking time for a Conservative government MLA on a government bill was 20.2 seconds! Not very good value given that Conservative government MLAs are paid a minimum of \$58,914 per year – and one third of that amount is tax-free!

These are just a few examples of the Klein government's

contempt for democracy and the taxpayers of this province. More and more I worry that Albertans won't realize what they've got, or had, in terms of strong public health care, excellent education, and a functioning democracy until those things are gone. Citizens can continue to turn a blind eye to the abuse of power and the erosion of public services and democracy – and the Gay and Lesbian community certainly has experienced this – or they can start to speak up. The choice is yours.

P.S. It was great to see so many people at the kick off to Pride '99. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening.



No Private, For-Profit Hospitals!

By Pam Barrett - ND
Leader

In the middle of our short and prized Edmonton summers, it is often difficult to move people to political action. Having to choose between a hot barbecue and a cold beverage and writing a letter to a politician... well that's not

much of a choice at all.

However, friends, there is a pressing issue that needs to be addressed – despite the warm call of the Alberta summer. We all remember the battles fought by so many Albertans with the provincial government over Bill 37 and the introduction of private, for-profit hospitals. And yet, the fight against private, for-profit hospitals has not been won. The College of Physicians and Surgeons has long been known to be flirting with the idea of developing accreditation standards for private, for-profit hospitals. Originally, there was a decision to be taken on Friday, June 25 but that has been postponed until the council's meeting in September.

And that's why I'm asking concerned Albertans to take just a few moments from the sunshine or the barbecue to tell the College of Physicians and Surgeons one simple message: NO PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS!

The government's agenda is clear: they want to privatize the Alberta health care system by whatever means necessary. They've de-listed medical procedures opening up more and more areas for private practice. They've allowed for extra billings. They've allowed contracting out to private clinics. They've increased user fees and closed hospitals. As the Government's agenda is clear, so must be the message from Albertans: any form of a privatized health care system is unacceptable. And they seem content to allow the College of Physi-

cians and Surgeons to open the back door of our prized health care system for private, for-profit hospitals.

Albertans want a properly funded public health care system that is accessible to everyone. We must keep the pressure on both the government and the College and demand legislation banning private, for-profit hospitals once and for all. I urge everyone to write, fax, and e-mail the College and the government in order to make your opposition to private, for-profit hospitals known.

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Bill 12 Again

By Laurie Blakeman,
MLA

With the decision on the M & H case in Ontario, Alberta is once again behind in conforming to equitable

treatment of gays and lesbians.

You'll remember a year ago that Alberta was ordered by the courts to amend the Domestic Relations Act to include common law couples. So in the Spring '99 session Bill 12, an act to Amend the Domestic Relations Act was introduced. The Conservative government chose not to include same sex couples in this amendment. The Alberta Liberals identified that this would be a problem, given the anticipated outcome of M & H. We even handed them a solution on a silver platter when we proposed our amendment to take sexual orientation right out of the equation! Our amendment to the definition of common law said "a relationship between two people who, although not legally married to each other, continuously cohabited in a relationship for at least 3 years. Or if there is a child of the relationship by birth or adoption, cohabited in a relationship of some permanence". In the same proposal, we advocated the term "partner" which included people in a common law relationship OR allowed for two adults to sign a written agreement which established legal obligations and duties under the Act. This agreement or contract would then be duly witnessed.

The Conservatives refused the Liberal amendment and passed the bill, thereby specifically excluding same sex couples. A few days later, M & H came down as expected and said that a technicality should not be allowed to deprive people of a remedy in law. The technicality is that the law didn't specifically include homosexuals under the definition of common law. Both BC and Quebec have already changed their legislation to include same sex couples. Alberta had the

chance and refused.

So now we wait to see if the government will do the right thing and amend the Domestic Relations Act again or if they stall until there is a court challenge. Their history has been to make groups fight it all the way through the courts, with the government opposing (paid for with your tax dollars). And in the end, the courts will decide and they now have precedent to do so. Once again the government will not take progressive action; will let the courts decide and then blame the judges.

And what was the point of this in the first place? To offer a remedy! To allow a person in a domestic relationship (married or common law) who had suffered financial hardship because of the relationship to apply for financial support from the other person. This, to me, is the great inconsistency of this government. This act was to allow people to take responsibility and look after themselves instead of having to rely on public assistance. Isn't that what this government is always harping about - individual responsibility? Looking after yourself instead of going on social assistance? So, we shall await the Fall sitting of the Legislature in November to see if the government does the right thing.

Have a great summer everyone. Get outside, have some fun, read a good book, and rest up for the Fall!

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Greater Edmonton Gay & Lesbian Community Support Groups and Services

AIDS Network of Edmonton Society

AIDS Network of Edmonton works cooperatively with all those organizations in Alberta and across the country who are working to help limit the spread of HIV infection. Today the network provides Education, Info-Line, Speakers Bureau, Resource material and various Support groups. If you wish to know more about the Network, call 488-5742. E-mail: anoes@connect.ab.ca.

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Alberta Pflag

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Alcoholics Anonymous

A A is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Call 424-5900 for times and places of Gay and Lesbian meetings.

AXIOS - Edmonton

AXIOS is an international organization of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Gay and Lesbian Christians. Our mandate is to promote a greater understanding of human sexuality and spirituality within the Eastern Christian tradition. The AXIOS monthly newsletter is available

via the Internet. Contact Dushan at 454-8449 for more information.

Badminton League

The badminton league is designed for men and women of all ages and experience. Players who are interested can participate in Calgary's Western Cup Tournament during the Easter Long Weekend. For further information, please contact Bruce at 453-1244 (email: cwbyteddy@powersurfr.com) or Dennis at 471-4409.

Bare Naked Boys Club of Edmonton - BNBCE

A naturist group of gay men in Edmonton interested in social nudity. This is not a sex club. Men of all ages welcome. Call Fred at 469-7231 for information.

The B.E.A.R.S. of Edmonton

A group for hairy men and their admirers meet the last Friday of the month 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Boots. Or write us at #47, 10024-82nd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 1Z3. Our email address is bears@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Brethren Mennonite Council

For Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual concerns. This is a support community for gay, lesbian and bisexual Mennonites and friends. Contact Tim at 434-5360 or Garrett at 423-1725 or e-mail: garrett.epp@ualberta.ca.

Dignity Edmonton

This Edmonton chapter is a support community for gay and lesbian Catholics and friends. Contact Bernard at 451-1794 or Joseph at 481-4218

Classics

A social group for lesbians over 40. Meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.. Call Donna at 456-1008

Edmonton Prime Timers

We are a chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, an international social organization for mature gay and bisexual men and their younger friends over 21. Our activities include: theatre nights, video nights, pub nights, Sunday brunches, and dining out. We meet every second Sunday (except July and August) at 3:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton (12530 110 Ave.) for a social period, a guest speaker, and an optional supper at a restaurant. For more information, contact Peter at 426-7019, Ron by e-mail at mercury@planet.eon.net, or better yet...join us at our monthly meeting.

Edmonton Vocal Minority

A mixed voice chorus joining together in a common love of music and a desire to build a greater spirit of unity and pride in the lesbigay community. If you are interested in singing with EVM or working in the areas of promotion, staging or front of house concerts and events, please contact us at P. O. Box 12091, Main Post Office, T5J 3L2 or telephone 988-4620. E-mail: evm@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Equal=Alberta [Edmonton]

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Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society

The Feather of Hope was founded on a need to provide AIDS education and support to Native People in Alberta. Through

education and the development of communities in partnership, it is hoped that the spread of AIDS will be lessened. Volunteers are very important to us. If you can help, or would simply like some more information, call 488-5773

Free-To-Be Volleyball Association

The Association aspires to provide opportunities for our community to play volleyball in a supportive atmosphere. There are 4 leagues: 1) Recreational - contact Rick at 474-6785; 2) Beach (summer) - contact Rick at 474-6785; 3) Intermediate/Skills Development - contact Geoff at 420-6698; 4) Tournament - contact Andrew at 435-9379. Email freetobeveball@hotmail.com, or see our website at www.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/glcc/ftb.htm for details.

Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton (G.L.C.C.E.)

The centre contributes to the well-being of Edmonton's gay, lesbian and bisexual community through informational social support services and its social information line. The services offered by the centre include an information line, telephone referrals, library, and drop-in peer support counselling. Further information is available at 488-3234. E-Mail glcce@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

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Gay Men's Outreach Crew (G.M.O.C.)

G.M.O.C. is a peer education initiative for gay/bisexual men that works toward: preventing the spread of HIV amongst men who have sex with men, advocating for healthy lifestyle choices, and addressing social and health concerns by fostering self-esteem and gay positive attitudes. For information on G.M.O.C. workshops and other activities, call our information and contact line at 944-1394 ext 4662.

Illusions Social Club

A social club for Crossdressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information, write to Illusions Social Club. Our mailing address is Box 1852, Edmonton, T5K 2P2; or phone 488-3234 (GLCCE) on Tuesday evenings to talk to someone person.

Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose

The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations which provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held at 8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at the Garage. Our website is at: <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/5904>

Interfaith Association on AIDS Edmonton

The purpose of this association is to sensitize local faith communities and their leaders to the unique spiritual and emotional needs of those infected by HIV/AIDS. The following faith communities are included: Anglican, Baha'i, Baptist, Beth Shalom Synagogue, Lutheran, Metropolitan Community Church, Roman Catholic, Temple Beth

Ora, Ukrainian Catholic, Unitarian and United Churches. Phone 448-1768 for more information. Email: anoes@connect.ab.ca.

Lambda Christian Community Church

We are a non-denominational evangelical Christian church. One of our primary goals is to provide a safe and affirming environment for all who desire to worship God. Lambda Community Church, 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Church) Edmonton, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p. m.



Liaison Committee, The

In June of 1993, Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community met for a liaison to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more info, call Edmonton Police Service at 423-4567 or contact the committee at 421-2277

Living Positive

Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counselling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768

Long Yang Club Edmonton Chapter

We are an International organization for Gay-Asians and non-Asians. We are the Worlds largest with chapters in 28 cities and 11 countries. Come and Join US! Contact us at nivek@planet.eon.net, or call Kevin at 455-2353.

Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton

We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call Mette at 461-5571, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: luthocon@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton (M.C.C.)

We are a local church within the denomination of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Our major focus is to the defranchised of society. The UFMCC allows anyone to feel a part of the Christian Community and to claim our place in God's Universe. Services are open to all. We worship on Sunday evenings at 7:15 at McDougall United Church - South entrance. Please feel free to join us! Call 429-2321 for more information.
E - m a i l :
revbev@compusmart.ab.ca

M.C.C. Youth Group

Provides a safe environment for gay/les/bi/trans youth to express themselves freely, explore sexuality and to experience god's/goddess' healing and wholeness. How we intend to achieve this goal is through social, recreational, educational and cultural activities. We are meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you have any further questions please E-mail Pam at pamjoc@telusplanet.net. Our

phone number is 429-2321

Northern Chaps

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and womyn was established six years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Boots & Saddle on the first and third Friday of each month at 9 PM. For information, phone GLCCE at 488-3234. The e-mail address: geoffw@compusmart.ab.ca

Northern Titans

Northern Titans International Bowling League meets every Saturday at 5:00pm, September to April, at Pins & Cues Bowling & Billiards Centre, Southeast corner of Westmount Shopping Centre, 111 Ave. & 135 St. For more information, please call Garry Billett at (403) 426-6311

Outback Trailblazers

Formerly known as the River Valley Cyclists. The organization promotes recreational and outdoor pursuits within the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgendered communities of Edmonton and surrounding area. Future activities may include hiking, canoeing, camping, horseback riding and any other suggestions for activities are welcome. For more information, please call Dan at 440-6710 or Peter at 434-4712 or email at danzjeep@oanet.com.

Out and Out (O²)

An Outdoor and Recreation Group for Edmonton's Lesbian, Gay Community and their friends. Membership is \$5.00 per calendar year. Free newsletter published bimonthly and available at local gay hangouts. O² Hotline is 988-3132 for

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Support Groups and Services

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activity inf., who to contact, how to join etc. Get Involved - Have Fun - Meet New People.

OUTreach

OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on campus; main floor of the Athabasca Hall. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by calling 988-4166. E-mail: outreach@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca

Edmonton PFLAG/T

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Edmonton PFLAG/T promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at GLCCE. For information contact Lynne at 462-5958 or e-mail: pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca.

Team Edmonton

Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for person interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton, call Johann at 437-0687.

Youth Understanding Youth

We meet every Saturday from 8 to 10 pm at the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or the give your input, phone GLCCE at 488-3234 or email: yuyedm@hotmail.com

Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual,

Transgender discussion group. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month. Call UCE at 454-8073 or Anita at 454-1992. Not necessarily Christian.

Womonspace

The purpose of Womonspace is to foster a positive Lesbian identity among the larger community and ourselves. We hold dances, produce a newsletter and hold other activities. For information phone 482-1794 and visit our Web Page address is - <http://www.gaycanada.com/womonspace/>

Yours, Mine, Ours And Us !!

LGBT Parents Group

A social, resource group for lesbian/gay parents/partners to come together to talk about parenting skills, share stories, encouragement and so forth. Next meeting, Tuesday June 29, 1999, Boardroom, AIDS Network, 7 - 9 pm. Call Liz at Massiah Counselling Services, 415 5434 - or just drop in.

Regional Organizations

Freedom Fort McMurray

A social Support group for Gays/Lesbian/Bisexual & Transgendered Persons and their friends. For information on upcoming events and inquiries into membership please call our Freedom line (780)799-GAY1 (4291). To speak directly with a welcoming committee member call between 3-6pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. You may leave a message any other time. Or you may e-mail us at dakota54@telusplanet.net or mail us at "Freedom Fort McMurray c/o Money Mart Suite #1, 9713 Harding St. Fort McMurray, AB T9H 1L2 or

visit our web site at www.telusplanet.net/public/dakota54/index.htm

Grande Prairie

Gay and Lesbian Community
Box 1492
Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z3
e-mail: pellerin@gprc.ab.ca

Northern Rainbow Youth

A support group for Highschool students. Our email address is nry13_18@hotmail.com and our web page is www.mhenley.com/ashenry. Any high school student can get more info by contacting their school guidance counsellor. If you want more info yourself, then you can call Crystal at (780)790-0775 at work.

High Level Gay and Lesbian Support Group

The High Level Support Group offers info on suicide prevention, monthly meetings, provincial events, gay organizations, information on a placeto meet and free counselling provided by High level mental health for both gay people and parents of gay children. Our web site address is <http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/park/7702/> or write us at PO Box 3434, High Level, Alta, T0H-1Z0 or call 780-926-3989


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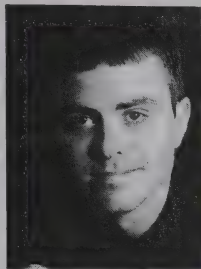
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Becoming Ourselves:



The Butch Sissy-Boy

By Shawn Mooney

Imagine a stud right out of a Tom of Finland drawing. As he works out at the gym his limbs are muscular and large, in perfect proportion to the rest of him. Underneath an army ballcap, his shaved head glistens sweat as he pumps iron amongst all the other jocks in the weightroom. The guy bulges in all the right places - a machine engineered to encapsulate all our deepest lustful fantasies. Yowsa.

Now imagine him pausing in the middle of an arduous set, his face crumpling inwards. He cries silently, thinking about his dying cat. Self-conscious about this unexpected burst of sadness in such a public place, he chooses not to flex man's most well-developed muscle - the one that stops us from crying. A minute or two later, his tears cease naturally. He resumes his workout, feeling lighter, the rivulet of tears blending in with the sweat on his sad, handsome face.

This is a true story about a new gay friend of mine. I'll call him "Ed". Ever since Ed shared his story with me, I've been fascinated by the image of him—so musclebound, so butch—quietly crying in the midst of the jock factory.

While gay men are reputed to be more in touch with our feelings than our straight

male counterparts, Ed's experience will probably strike readers of any persuasion to be unusual. For me, it embodies the paradoxical heart of gayness: the creative potential for wholeness that comes when we fuck with gender. Yeah, muscles are sexy; yeah, crying when we're sad is cool. Forget all this either/or crap: both/and is the way of queer healing.

Brian Pronger has written a fascinating book about gay men's paradoxical relationship to gender, *The Arena of Masculinity*. He argues quite convincingly that "homoerotic desire both reveres and violates masculinity": our erotic and emotional desire for butch characteristics violates the heterosexual imperative at the core of maleness. As gay men, we are likely to develop highly creative ways to negotiate this paradox. We can (a) de-emphasize it, or (b) become ironic or campy about it, or (c) live it out so as to create personal and social change. Pronger calls this the "triad of gay sensibility".

Sissy-boy tears at the gym: as I follow my awareness through Ed's story, I always shift from a drooling appreciation of his flexed form to an ache to reach out and hold him while he sobs: my own paradoxical responses as a gay man myself. The image emblemizes the rich potential gay men have for expressing our sexy and emotional selves more authentically in the world. (There are obvious corresponding and unique images for lesbians, symbolizing their unique relationship to, and transgression of, gender stereotypes.)

May we all summon up the courage to invent ourselves whole through the array of masculine and feminine possibilities we have to choose from.

May we accept and celebrate ourselves and each other, have fun as we play

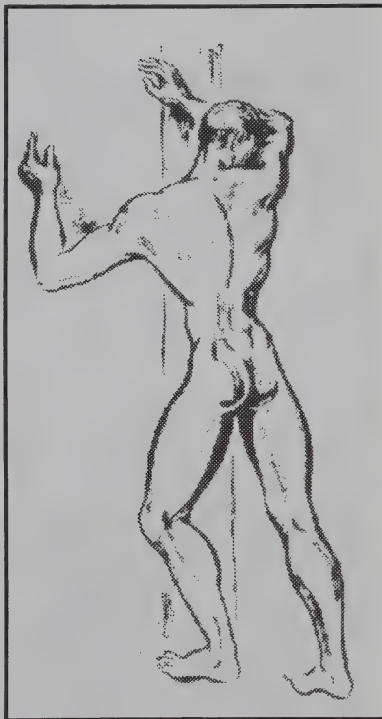
around with what being man or woman, gay or straight or in-between means.

May we continue to create slices of outer and inner experience that express our fluid, shape-shifting, lovely selves.

Recommended Reading

Pronger, Brian. *The Arena of Masculinity: Sports, Homosexuality and the Meaning of Sex.*

(Shawn Mooney, a psychotherapist in



Toronto, will be returning to Edmonton in August 1999, when he'll be setting up his practice locally. You can reach Shawn at shawnmooney@hotmail.com; beginning in August messages can be left for him locally at 434-5360. Web: www3.sympatico.ca/shawn.mooney.)

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GAY AND LESBIAN PARENT GROUP

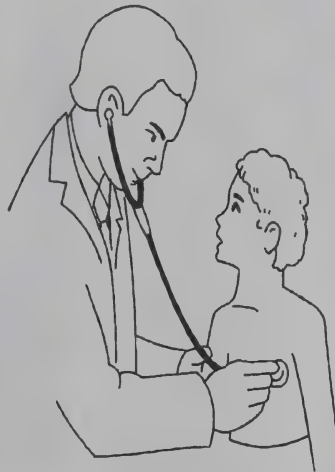
By Robert Wm. Smith, Health Promoter
AIDS Network of Edmonton Society

In recent months, the AIDS Network (ANE) has been running notices about the possible forming of a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered parenting group. The original intent was to create an association of LGBT parents to provide support and activities for both parents and children.

During this time, ANE has also been considering a need for creating a "LGBT Family Development Centre" as a means of promoting our families in a positive and viable way while developing programming specific to the needs of LGBT families and communities. To this end, ANE applied to the Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association (ECALA) and received grant monies to run an eight (8) week program for LGBT parents.

In addition, we have been speaking to the need of community based programming as a method of reinforcing the legitimacy of our struggles as individuals and families within the existing socio-economic structures. While it is true these efforts have

been aimed at equality and equitable treatment within existing social programs, it cannot be denied that the LGBT community does have special and specific needs in evolving as individuals and in raising families.



ANE is committed to assist in the development of structures within our communities that create a sense of belonging and ownership on an individual level by offering leadership and resources. ANE has had the experience in negotiating increasingly shallow funding waters and has taken a key role in the evoking of health promotion and harm reduction

strategies at a community level.

It is important that we do not appear to be a special interest group and that public funds are not going toward programs that, by their very nature, create derision and confusion with public funders generally. Programming aimed at "our" families should specifically target those aspects of our lives that enhance diversity, and at the same time focus on the similarities that exist, not only amongst our own communities, but within the whole social structure.

ANE is seeking guidance from the communities it intends to serve in this "Family Development Centre". We would be interested in hearing about your ideas of community building and/or some indication of what you, the community, want to see in programming. Specifically, ANE is asking the LGBT communities to come forward with some suggestions on what direction a Parenting Program should take.

Are you interested in

becoming part of a group that provides support through those moments of doubt as a parent or doubt in your ability to function as a contributing parent? Do you want a loose association of individuals who come together to "have fun", as in family activities? What kind of activities do you wish to participate in? Where? What would be a suitable meeting environment? Are you interested in being part of a support system that provides alternatives to babysitting and other forms of childcare? Are you needing support with the coming out process as it involves your children and family? What about choosing an inclusive school for your kids so that they are not ostracized? Are you concerned about the legal implications of raising a family as an openly LGBT member of society?

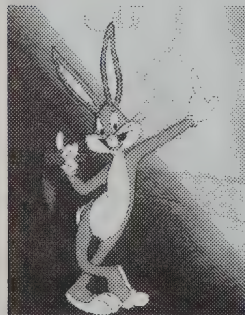
Some of these questions may seem a little far reaching, but these are issues being faced daily by LGBT parents. We are hoping to have a program start in mid-September and would greatly appreciate any input or participation that you have to offer. For further information, please call Deborah Foster or Robert Smith at the AIDS Network, 488-5742.

Tinky Winky is not Alone...

From Charles Bidwell

The Rev. Jerry Falwell has stepped in to clean up children's television. A couple of months ago he 'outed' the apparently homosexual Tinky Winky, a character from the "Teletubbies" show, because:

- 1) He's purple, the gay color;
- 2) He has an antenna shaped like a triangle, the gay symbol, and
- 3) He carries a purse,



something all gay people do.

But Falwell's work is far from over. Note the evidence below:

FRED FLINTSTONE

- His nickname on the Bedrock bowling team is "Twinkle-toes Flintstone."
- The show's theme song ends "...we'll have a gay old time!"
- He wears an orange



dress with little triangles on it.
— He hangs out with Barney far more than Wilma.

BUGS BUNNY

- Often stands with hand on hip.
- Plays a hairdresser in one episode.
- Frequently dresses in drag.
- Loves to throw on a top hat and belt out Broadway show-tunes with his "buddy" Daffy, who has a lisp.

POPEYE

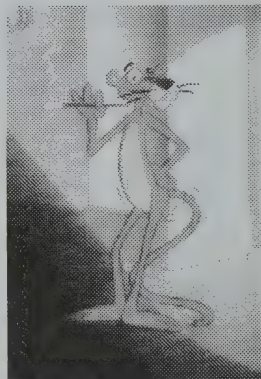
- Eats lots of salad.
- Wears a sailor suit, even though he hasn't been on a ship in years.
- Does little sailor-dances.
- Dates a flat-chested transvestite named Olive Oyl.
- Best friend named Wimpy.

BATMAN & ROBIN

- Robin's nickname: Boy Wonder.
- Batman's real name: Bruce.
- Both wear tights and hang out in a dark cave with an "older man."
- They're in great shape.
- They like to show each other their "grappling hooks."

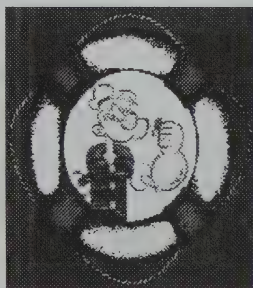
PATTY (from Peanuts)

- Has a deep, gravelly voice.
- Wears pants, not dresses like the other Peanuts gals.
- Plays a mean game of football.
- Likes to taunt Charlie Brown.
- Always hanging out with that androgynous



PEPPERMINT

- Marcie.
- Wears comfortable shoes.
- Nickname: Sir.



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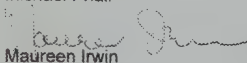
For many years you have worked in our community raising awareness of all the issues affecting the gay, lesbian, transgender and transsexual community. Many organizations have benefited from your fund raising abilities. In the last number of years your work has been centered around Times.10. By producing a local magazine that gives a voice to all sides of the issues that affect our lives you have served our community with distinction.

Your work for equality for all people has been impressive. In all your undertakings you are an excellent role model for the young people in our community. Once again congratulations and continued success in all your endeavors.

In solidarity,



Michael Phair



Maureen Irwin

1999 Pride Awards

The complete list and descriptions of the 1999 Pride Awards, and notable Woman of Vision YWCA mentions.

By Kristy Harcourt

The 1999 Pride Awards were

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sponsored by Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and the Transgendered (PFLAG-T) and presented during their June 19 Picnic. Here is a full list of the Pride Award winners:

**Maureen Irwin Award:
Julie Lloyd**

The Maureen Irwin Award is given to a lesbian for the scope of her work in support of Edmonton's LGBT

communities. Julie Lloyd has supported numerous causes for a number of years and has used her law practice to openly support many of our organizations. She can always be counted on to buy an ad in a program or tickets for an event, supporting many of our arts and culture events in the process. She offers her legal expertise to such public forums as Times .10 Magazine, Womospace Newsletter and Gaywire. As well, she provides

free legal counsel to the AIDS Network of Edmonton. She is active in the Gender and Sexual Orientation section of the Canadian Bar association, lectures often at the University of Alberta and for community groups. She has emerged as an articulate, compassionate, reasoned and credible spokesperson for our community. She is a person of tremendous personal integrity and, in the words of one of her many nominators,

Letter to Times.10
Publications Society

Comment On Gay Pride 1999

Gay Pride 1999 was an overall success with activities including; a well attended parade, the afternoon beer gardens, and the Pride Dance.

Congratulations are in order to all those who worked so hard to make those events a success.

We, at The Roost, chose to provide financial support to the Pride Committee as our contribution.

As of late rumors have been circulating through our community suggesting that "The Roost" had made complaints to the Alberta Liquor

and Gaming Commission on matters affecting the dance. I can assure you that these comments are simply not true and are in fact malicious gossip. We, as the gay community, need to work together to make all of our functions successful and fun for those who choose to attend.

In closing I would like to say that both the management and staff of "The Roost" had a great time during Pride Week and look forward to an even better Millenium Pride

D. B. Hicks

"a damned fine woman!"

**Michael Phair Award:
Dennis Cambly**

The Michael Phair award is given to a gay man for the scope of his work in support of Edmonton's Gay and Lesbian community.

Dennis Cambly is recognized for his years of commitment to fundraising and publishing in support of Edmonton's community. Dennis developed Edmonton's Times .10 newspaper as a mouthpiece for our community's events and interests, with a special interest in communicating information about HIV and AIDS. Interesting and controversial, the paper offers community listings for events and organizations, and offers everyone the chance to voice their opinions. As well, Dennis has long been involved with fundraising efforts, benefiting Living Positive and the Ross Armstrong Memorial Trust Fund.

**Sheryl McInnes Award:
Deb Shogan**

This year, the Pride Awards committee created a new award in memory of Sheryl McInnes, a lesbian Sociology researcher at the U. of A. who died of a heart attack in the fall. The award is presented for work within an academic environment furthering the lives of Gays and Lesbians. The first Sheryl McInnes award was given to Dr. Debra Shogan. Debra is a professor in the faculty of Physical Education and Athletics coach who was involved in the establishment of same sex benefits at the U. of A. Sheryl McInnes' widow, Maureen Irwin presented the award to Deb Shogan in front of a

tearful audience.

Pride Certificates:

Earth's General Store (Michael Kalmanovitch & Deborah Robb) a proud and supportive business, benefiting our community.

Fred Dicker for his constant and outstanding work with the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton

Equal=Alberta for serving as capable and admirable spokesperson for our community's fight for legislative equality.

Pastor Suzanne Cowles for her supportive work through Lutherans Concerned, PFLAG/T and the Interfaith Coalition on AIDS

Festival '98 (the GALA Choruses Festival) for a bringing our communities together to present a world class event.

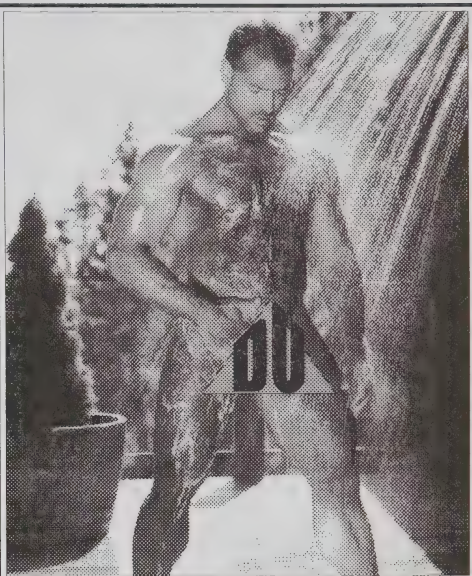
Rob Wells for the Mathew Sheppard Memorial. Rob saw the need for this community to commemorate the murder of Mathew Sheppard, creating a respectful and touching event involving representatives from many of Edmonton's gay-affirming religious communities.

Suzanne Butler and Stephan Little for their outstanding work in support of LGBT students, in their roles as co-chairs of OUTreach at the University of Alberta.

Workshop West Theatre for their '98-99 season, including the Loud and Queer Cabaret (co-produced with Guys in Disguise) and for The Wines of Tuscany (presented with CJSR radio as a fundraiser for Pride).

Ronnie Burkett & Theatre Network for presenting challenging and innovative works of theatre about gay lives. Specifically for their '98/99 season production of Ronnie Burkett's Street of Blood. Ronnie Burkett, enroute to London for a run of his acclaimed show Tinka's New Dress sent a letter of thanks for the "amazing, gratifying and humbling honour to receive a Pride Certificate from Edmonton's GLBT communities. He mentions that "the community in Edmonton has supported my work for so many years and my onstage "gaydar" always alerts me when "family" is in the audience - which is a greater comfort and a bigger joy to this solo performer than anyone will ever know".

Also, **Jacque Dumas of Orlando Books and Laurie Blakeman, MLA** received YWCA Woman Of Vision awards on Thursday, June 17th at an Edmonton ceremony.



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An Evening With....

By Maureen Irwin

On June 14, 1999 Orlando Books held a Pride Event; an evening with the 'Bloomberry' group. Maureen Irwin, as a reporter with "In the Life", conducted an interview with Edy Craig who looked much like Michael Phair. The following is the script from that occasion.

Interviewer: Welcome to the taping of the program "In the Life". As you know, once a month we interview a lesbian or gay man from history. This week I am talking to one of the Bloomberries - Edy Craig. The Bloomberries were persons who were professionally involved with culture, arts, acting, painting. They lived in England, as bohemians, in the art world on the fringes of society, the women wore trousers. I think we can certainly say Edy Craig was member of the Bloomberry Group.

I want to start by telling you I am very glad you have agreed to take time out of your busy schedule and answer some questions for us. When you were born in 1869, you were the daughter of a very famous British actress, a Dame of the British Empire. Will you tell us a bit about her?

I was born in 1869, the daughter of Ellen Terry, one of the greatest Shakespearean actresses to ever grace the British stage in the 19th Century. I am mentioned in numerous biographies of my mother.

Interviewer: I read somewhere that you had a younger brother who you would hit on the head with a wooden spoon, crying all the time exhorting him to "be a woman!"

Teddy was just 3 years younger than me. He did not seem to suffer.... He grew up break the hearts of half the women of Europe, at least I confined myself to Britain.

Interviewer: How did you meet Christopher St. John? I met Chris as a result of her crush on my mother. Although it was not love at first sight, our intimate relationship quickly established. She was 4 years younger than me. She was one of the first women graduates from Somerville College Oxford. When I met her she had graduated and was working as a secretary to the Churchill family.

Interviewer: And you lived together for 48 years from 1899.

At the beginning of our life together we lived in Smith Square in Westminster. Our friends referred to us as 'the square'.

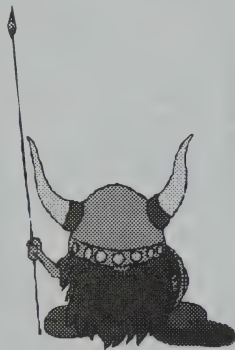
Interviewer: Yes even the Times in 1960 felt able to remark that you were anything but square. I have seen Chris referred to as Christabel Marshall. Was she Marshall or St. John?

She was born Christabel Marshall but when she converted to Catholicism she took the name of St. John from John the Baptist for whom she had a special

devotion As an adult she was always known as Chris St. John.

Interviewer: I found a picture of Smallhythe on the web. Would you like to tell me about how you came to live there?

My mother bought property in Kent named Smallhythe in 1900. There was the 16th century farmhouse called Smallhythe Place, with 2 adjacent cottages and a large Elizabethan barn. She gave one of the cottages to me. We called it the 'Priest's house'.



Interviewer: What happened to Smallhythe after your mother's death?

I turned her beloved Smallhythe Place into a museum. Today it is run by the National Trust and is open to the public. The Elizabethan Barn is run by the Barn Theatre Society and still stage plays.

Interviewer: Is it true you lived in a "menage a trois"? Not always...Chris and I lived together for 29 years until we were joined by Tony, a painter, whose real name was Clare Atwood. I always referred to Tony and Chris as 'The Boys'. After my death in 1949 Chris and Tony continued to live together

until their deaths.

Interviewer: Did you have any lesbian friends?

We became good friends of Radclyffe Hall and Una Troubridge. The 5 of us spent Christmas of 1931 together. Una wrote us saying

"There is great consolation and gratification to me in the company of these friends who like us & want to be with us because they know us for what we are and respect what John has done for her kind".

Radclyffe and Una visited France regularly. They met the painter Romaine Brooks and Elizabeth de Gramont the writer. In 1926, it was Elizabeth's short haircut which persuaded Gertrude Stein to have Alice Toklas give her the same cut.

Interviewer: I understand 1932 was a difficult year for you?

That was the year Chris fell passionately in love with Vita Sackville-West. Let me tell you there were huge rows between Chris and I with Tony acting as the peacemaker. During that time Vita read her poem "The Land" at Smallhythe Hall. Chris and I, Stephen Spender, William Plomer sat in a row and giggled at Vita's bitches. She was not amused. Chris's affair lasted two years, ending in 1934 and then we continued our life together.

Interviewer: Tell me about some of your neighbours?

My cousin Olive Chaplain set up home in a house opposite ours in Smallhythe with her companion Lucy Gow, who liked to be, called Lucien.

Interviewer: Can you talk about some of the roles you played on the stage?

I asked Cicely Hamilton to write a play, 'A Pageant of Great Women', in which I

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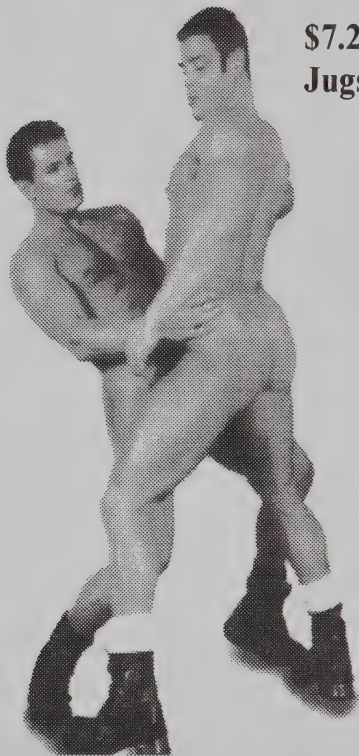
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An Evening With...

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played Rosa Bohneur. I appeared as this trouser-wearing painter in several pageants over the years. Rosa Bonheur's lover Natalie Micas died in 1889, and then Rosa lived with the American Anna Klumpke, also a painter. When Rosa died she was buried beside Natalie in Pere Lachaise cemetery in Paris. Later when Anna died she was buried beside them. The grave bears the inscription "L'amitie, c'est l'affection divine."

Interviewer: Although there is no biography or autobiography about you or Chris I found references to both of you as minor characters in a number of different autobiographies, reminiscences and biographies including those of Sir John Gielgud. I would not let anyone write a book about me and after my death Chris destroyed all my correspondence. I worked as a theatre and costume designer and Chris was a jobbing journalist and writer. As I told you Tony was a painter. Some of her paintings are still hanging in the Tate Gallery in London. Our lives were quite ordinary. We were neither rich nor successful by the time we died.

Interviewer: Michael Bake, a biographer of Radclyffe Hall said of you: 'she has an undeniable streak of brilliance but she was too overbearing to reap the rewards her talent deserved'. If this appears to be a back handed insult. Chris comes off even worse. 'Chris was a heavy ugly woman, clever, fastidious, stubborn, and crippling sensitive to her looks and cleft palate'. There are no photos of Chris in her prime. But I can tell you she was neither 'heavy' nor 'ugly' but rather looked like a lesbian. A 1943 photo shows us in our old age; myself looking like a nice granny and Chris and Tony looking like dapper old dykes.

Interviewer: I know Chris earned her living by writing and could turn her hand with considerable success to almost anything. Did you ever work together?

We worked together on a biography of my mother Dame Ellen Terry and also edited Terry's correspondence with George Bernard Shaw. She wrote another two biographies. Her biography of Ethel Smyth in 1959 remains the best published account of Smyth life and work. She was the music critic for 'The Lady' between 1897 and 1929 and also wrote drama and criticism for the 'Time and Tide' between 1920-1931. She also wrote plays. Ellen Terry had a starring role in 'Eriksson's Wife'. Some of her novels were less successful. Hungerheart was published anonymously in 1915. Hungerheart has a number of very clever lines.

Interviewer: Dr. Christine Murrell was one of the first women doctors to achieve recognition by the British Medical establishment. Why do you think her lover, Honor Bone, asked Chris to write the biography of Dr. Chris Murrell?

I think she chose Chris because they both had similar domestic arrangements. They both were lesbians, feminists and lived with 2 other women. At the time of her death, Chris Murrell was living with Honor Bone and Marie Lawson.

Interviewer: Were either you or Chris involved in the suffragette movement?

We were both involved in the militant suffrage movement. Actually Chris was arrested for setting fire to the pillar-box in 1909. She also wrote a number of extremely funny propaganda plays on women's suffrage with Cicely Hamilton.

Thank you so much for speaking with us tonight.

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Speaking Of Normal

Liz Massiah, MSW,
RSW

(Editing magic courtesy of
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The Standing up for Safety and Pride Guild Report # 2

Last night, at the Pride Awards, as I saw Dennis Cambly receive his so well deserved "Michael Phair" award, and Julie Lloyd her Maureen Irwin award ... as I saw all the others receiving their awards and certificates ... as my eyes filled with tears of pride. I also listened carefully as Julie spoke eloquently of pride as the other side of shame. Given that my last column talked, at least in part, about pride, I thought with this column I'd take another look at what pride means, and look a bit more closely at shame, the other side of the coin.

Earlier that same day, I tried to describe what being "in the closet" means to someone who is newly "out" to herself. I thought of the many complexities involved in those deceptively simple questions "How do I do 'out'?" "How do I not be 'in the closet'?" "How do I know what is 'safe'?" "How do I know what's right for me?"

Good questions, tough questions for Pride Day. And there are no easy answers.

There are lots of ways to express "out-ness", ways as different as each and every one of us in the GLBT community. For some it means standing on the sidewalk as the parade goes by and waving, for others it's coming to the Pride dance once a year. My friend Sheryl McInnes and I had done some interesting work on developing a questionnaire to examine what being "out" looks like in 'real' life. We did not finish it and now she is wherever wonderful people go after they die. Damn. But to her, "out" meant, at least in part, always describing oneself truthfully: no she/he pronoun switches and no

about being political, etc etc etc.

For myself, I feel very out: how much more out could I be, co-parade marshalling with Murray Billet, carrying a banner at the head of the parade?

(and yet lots of folks don't know: not because I hide, but because the widespread presumption of heterosexuality blinds them to other realities. To them, my ring must mean I am married to a man, not committed with a marvelous woman.)

Anyway, the point I'm getting

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fault."**

pretending. It might also mean always going for whatever makes you feel bigger, taller, shinier, brighter, stronger ... acting on every chance to stand for safety and respect ... or challenging mean spiritedness wherever we find it, not standing for it, not spreading it. For many people, the question ultimately becomes one of whether being out means being political - and what does "political" mean, and is it possible to be non heterosexual and not be political, and how do you go

at is this. As out as I consider myself and as out as other people consider me to be, even while the parade was going on, while I was showing my healthy pride in who and what I am, for the first time in a parade

I felt fear and vulnerability as I walked past those high rise apartments.

What if there was someone up there with a gun? I could be shot and dead before anyone even knew what happened. That feeling had not happened to me before and I did not like it.

It may be that that reaction was, at least in part, a response to awareness of the volatile society in which we all live, a society which seems in so many ways to be very angry (and not only at the GLBT community). In other words, it was an entirely understandable response to a potential outside threat. But what disturbed me most was what going on inside.

For a second, a voice in my head said "You're flaunting yourself. If you get hurt, it's your own fault." After the initial shock of hearing that voice wore off, I took a deep breath and told it to take a hike, that it wasn't welcome in my life ... but thanks for the reminder of how hard it is to be safe. I did not stop, I did not leave, I did not regret any of my out-ness - and I wonder now if maybe that's the most important way to be "out": to find the strength and the courage to face down that voice, which lives in the heads and hearts and lives of many of us, speaking strongly and triggering all the deceitful messages and lingering influence of what we have come out of: the closet of fear, of self-doubt ... and yes, as Julie so eloquently put it, of shame.

Shame has been the subject of precise scholarly study: extensive analysis of both body and verbal language has been done, much of it cross cultural, to examine it. That research has discovered that across the lines of race, orientation, geographical location, you name it, human

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Report #2

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beings signal shame in remarkably consistent ways: through our eyes, our head and body movement, the speed and comfort in our speech, blushing, etc. Research also shows that shame is often the last thing we talk about in intimate situations: we might get to guilt or embarrassment but seldom to shame. Yet it is there - called by some scholars The Master Emotion.

In these circles, in fact, shame is seen to serve a purpose, to enforce social standards, to sustain social bonds and boundaries, to reinforce what is "right" and "proper" and "appropriate behavior". If that's the case, it makes sense that we, as members of a highly stigmatized community, struggle so with feelings of shame ... and so we ask ourselves, and each other, whether just standing on the sidewalk and waving at the parade instead of marching in it is an act of personal pride that's right for the individual, or an act of shame. Ditto attending a Pride dance once a year: does anyone ever wonder what happens to those once-a-year people the other three hundred and sixty four nights?

It seems to me that we all tussle with shame, to varying degrees, and to pretend otherwise might be, at the very least, foolish. Far more rewarding, it seems to me, is getting to know our own shame, finding ways of turning down that voice: not

trying to eliminate it, just trying to know it and handle it. Listen to its warnings, rather than falling victim to its admonishments.

instead of it being something done by only lonely losers and perverts, might do the trick. Or perhaps telling yourself that you can feel the

Having a pride flag on my car
Supporting native land claims - others oppression is mine too
Resisting 'silencers'

Being fair

Expecting others to treat you fairly

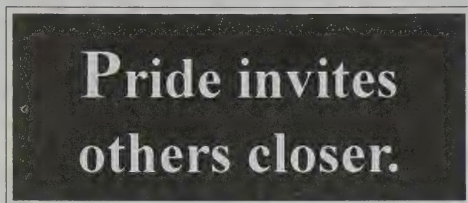
Being angry and respectful at the same time

Listening with attention

Not telling demeaning jokes
trying not to oppress others
admitting I do oppress others
insisting on having fun

Send in your suggestions - how do you "do pride". We will compile them and print them maybe use them for a poster for Pride 2000 - send them to me at ahanemas@datanet.ab.ca or phone 780 415 5434, or send them to Dennis at Times.10: dcambly@y-wave.com.

(All ideas are those of the author and are not meant to replace consultation with a qualified, accountable professional.)



Sounds easy, but how? As a first step, try noticing your body reactions. Genuine, healthy pride often makes us feel bigger. Clients often end therapy sessions by commenting "I feel bigger/taller". Healthy pride puts your head up, your shoulders back, lets you look around. Pride invites others closer. Shame, on the other hand, makes us feel tight, small, protective, vulnerable. It shows up in anger, sarcasm, caustic comments, words and actions that put distance between us and others.

Pay attention to your body and its noticings - it will not deceive you. Notice when you feel small and uncertain, or guilty. What's going on to trigger that? Who is around you or who is speaking in your heart and soul?

And then what helps diminish those feelings? What makes those feelings of small-ness start to disappear? Perhaps telling yourself that watching pornography might be also considered a private, consensual, safer sex activity,

shame you have been taught and still be proud of yourself can help - it's not one or the other, but both. Perhaps you can remember how amazing it was to see the joy in the faces of the folks in the Pride Parade - or visualize the smiles on the faces of those watching from balconies and waving - or relive the expansiveness felt when looking over all those folks at the dance, knowing that for one night at least, they were relishing their space.

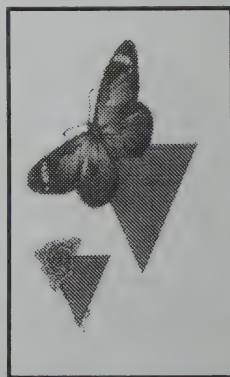
Have you thought of the ways you "Do" pride in your life? Of the things that let you "do" more pride, of the situations that get you 'doing' shame. Not just about being lesbigay, but all of your life.

Let start a list : 50 ways to 'do' pride :

Noticing when I feel ' taller and safer'

Getting a pride tag for my dog

Always, always having safer sex



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compared to the seven ancient wonders). We hope you will enjoy it.

Taj Mahal – Agra, India

One of the most recognizable buildings in the world, the Taj Mahal took over 20 years to complete. This is evident in its symmetrical and intricate design. If you are planning a trip to India, it is suggested that you visit the structure twice, as with each visit you will discover something new in its magical beauty.

The Great Stupa at Sanchi - near Bhopal, India

A Stupa is, simply put, is a hemispherical dome set upon a circular or square base. Like most other Stupas, the Great Stupa was built to symbolize different aspects of Buddhism. Remarkable because of its immense size, this site radiates an overall impression

of absolute serenity.

Kaila Sanatha Temple - Ellora, India

You're probably thinking... "the what?". But this phenomenal Hindu cave temple is a definite site to see. The detail on it is so intricate, it resembles a sculpture as opposed to a building. Surrounded completely by mountains, it is no wonder why this is a wonder of the world.

The Flavian

Amphitheatre (AKA- The Roman Colosseum) – Rome, Italy

If you've ever seen its picture, it speaks for itself. But did you know why it is called the Colosseum? The term originated from the structures colossal size. It is one of the largest buildings in the world, and stands as the epitome of Roman architecture. Some feel that the fascination of the Colosseum does not come from its size, but rather its intricate system of mazes within.

St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican City, Rome

The world's largest Christian church, it took over 120 years to complete and involved 4 different architects, including Michelangelo. A great overall view of Rome can be seen from the church's dome.

The Great Pyramids - Giza, Egypt

Actually giant tombs for ancient Egyptian rulers, these structures were designed to help those buried within to slide up towards heaven. The importance and power of the ruler buried in each pyramid is reflected in the pyramid's size. Don't forget to say hi to the Sphinx on the way out.

The Pyramid of the Sun - Teotihuacan, Mexico

Generally speaking, pyramids are cool! This is the ultimate example, actually being 5 pyramids in one. It is named the Pyramid of the Sun because it lines up with the point that the sun sets over Teotihuacan when it reaches its highest point during the summer. Its exact origin remains a mystery.

Angkor Wat - Cambodia

A rarely seen site (due to political unrest) this fascinating complex of ruins is surrounded by a majestic rainforest. The term Wat



translated means temple, which is not surprising to us, as the site is a Hindu Temple.

The Horyu-Ji Monastery Complex - Nara, Japan

Besides being the oldest wooden structures in the world, these buildings are unique to Japan because of their obvious Chinese influence. One of the complexes main temples, the

Today Temple, is especially known as being the world's largest wooden building. It is also known for housing the worlds largest bronze (a Buddha).

Hagia Sophia (Church of the Holy Wisdom) - Istanbul, Turkey

This church was once the largest in the world, until it was outsized by St. Peter's Basilica in Rome (see previously listed wonder). The church is well known for its interior mosaics and spaces. Perhaps the word church is a little outdated for this structure. It has now been converted to a museum.

Chartres Cathedral - Chartres, France

A truly remarkable building which serves as one of the best examples of high gothic style. The focal point of the cathedral is directed upward, as if pointing to heaven. (Could this be the true

stairway...?)

The Great Mosque of Cordoba - Cordoba, Spain

Being an Islamic house of worship, this structure represents the greatest artistic influence of Spain – the Moors. The interior is a complex design of more than 1200 columns and arches.

The Parthenon - Athens, Greece

This world famous landmark, located on top of the Acropolis, overlooks the enticing city of Athens. Named for the maiden goddess Athina, it served as both a place of worship and protection. While still a remarkable ruin, what is left of the structure today does not do justice to the richly adorned temple it once was.

Well, we've reached the end of the list. We realize that there are many more buildings worthy of mention, but we decided to stick to those on the list of the Seven Man Made Wonders of the World. (we know there are 13 - we were confused too). If you really want a unique way to celebrate diversity, visit as many of these sites as possible, as each offers a different perspective on an ancient way of life, culture and beliefs. While we obtained our information from a variety of different sources, we felt that we should mention the name of the book that we obtained the original list from. The Handbook for Citizens of the Earth for World Access by Katherine and Ron Petras (Toronto: Simon & Schuster, 1996).

Travel Trivia - Fortunately, you will not have to travel far to visit the eighth wonder of the world. Apparently, its West Edmonton Mall, not that we have anything to back that up. We saw it on a T-shirt.

For more information on any of these destinations, please contact Jacy at Harold Smith Travel in Eaton Centre, 488-4712.

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Edmonton Winners at Western Cup

By Andrew Schuster

Edmonton was well represented at the Apollo Western Cup help during this year's Easter long weekend. The Western Cup is hosted each year by our sisters and brothers in Calgary. The weekend event includes competitive and recreational curling, volleyball, bowling and badminton events. Badminton is the newest sibling to join the family. The sporting events are coupled with social and intercity activities. The dance was well attended and the bingo was naughtier, larger and even more outrageous than last year.

Volleyball: 30 teams and over 200 players from cities across Western Canada and the USA converged on Calgary. The Free to Be Volleyball Association sent 3 teams from Edmonton: Juicy

Fruits, Northern Spikes and Heart Throbs. The Heart Throbs placed second in the C division and were awarded a gleaming Silver Medal. According to one of the King Heart Throbs, the Gold winning team from Vancouver fell to their knees and kissed the ground in thanks after winning against

Edmonton. It could have gone either way, but fortunately for Vancouver, they would take the gold this year. The Juicy Fruits and Northern Spikes worked hard, looked pretty and came home with fond memories.

Below is a picture of the volleyball winners.



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GLAADAlert

Time: Learning from the Past

Last year, Time magazine released two special retrospective issues which were the subject of substantial GLAADAlerts, one commemorating its 75th Anniversary, the other, a year-end review. In spite of the growth of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights movement in the last fifty years, and the impact of the AIDS pandemic throughout the last 15 years, the 75th Anniversary issue ignored the community. Similarly, such noteworthy 1998 events as the highly-covered October murder of Matthew Shepard; developments in the struggle for equal marriage rights; and pertinent legislative actions across the country failed to receive appropriate attention in the year-end review. Following the publication of the latter issue, GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry and other GLAAD staff representatives called for a meeting with members of the magazine's senior editorial staff including Time Managing Editor Walter Isaacson. At that time, Garry shared GLAAD's concerns with Time and expressed its disappointment with the omissions, especially since GLAAD had long recognized the news magazine's

outstanding and regular coverage.

Time has obviously paid closer attention in its more recent issues. In April, 1998, it began its five-issue series of the "100 Persons of the Century." In the series' penultimate issue, on "Scientists & Thinkers," mathematician and computer scientist Alan Turing was featured in a piece which made mention of the influential thinker's homosexuality. But more importantly, in its June 14 issue, on "Heroes & Icons," Time answered the call for inclusiveness, featuring as one of its 20 heroes the late San Francisco City Supervisor, Harvey Milk, assassinated by a fellow city official in 1978. Written compellingly by Time's John Cloud, the two-page piece examines Milk's life and struggle to achieve



his position, noting that "[w]hile assassination offered Milk something then rare for openly gay men - mainstream empathy - it would have been thrilling to see how far he could have gone as a leader. Instead, he remains frozen in time, a symbol of what gays can accomplish and the dangers they face in doing so." Time follows the piece with a full-page timeline of highlights in the history of the lesbian and gay community.

Milk's inclusion is not the only notable one in the "Heroes & Icons" issue, the

last in the "100 People" series. In a piece by syndicated columnist Liz Smith, subtitled "The five romances that, for better or worse, captured our imagination this century," Smith singles out authors Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas as one of the century's most fascinating couples. And now openly lesbian tennis legend Billie Jean King - best known for her victory in a "Battle of the Sexes" match against Bobby Riggs - is named as one of "The 10 Most Influential Athletes of the Century," while Martina Navratilova is included as one of "Three Women Who Rocked the World of Sports," specifically because of her courage in being open about her sexual orientation. Furthermore, in a section on contributor

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A&E Investigates "Anti-Gay Hate Crimes"

The network has produced another groundbreaking documentary, focusing this time on the prevalence of hate crimes motivated by perceived sexual orientation. On July 6 at 9 p.m. EST/10 p.m. PST, A&E's Investigative Reports will feature a full-hour piece entitled "Anti-Gay Hate Crimes."

The program deals with a wide variety of issues. Most obviously related to the show's title are hate crimes committed against lesbians and gay men such as the murders of Matthew Shepard and lesser-known Arkansas resident Alan Walker. But

Investigative Reports also explores the impact of in-school harassment, crimes committed against heterosexuals who are perceived to be gay, is inclusive of people of color, and looks at the impact of campaigning by religious political extremists upon the perpetuation of prejudice and bias-motivated violence.

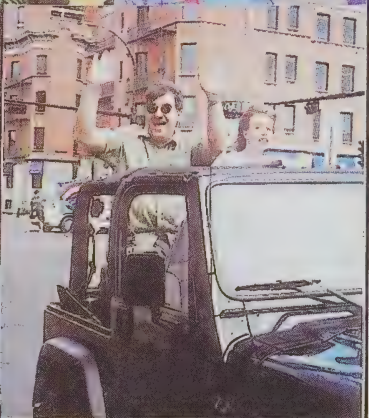
"Anti-Gay Hate Crimes" is one of the most in-depth pieces aired to date on hate crimes committed against

profiles entitled "When the Writer is the Hero," Time highlights its selection of openly gay playwright and screenwriter Paul Rudnick as its choice for writing about Marilyn Monroe.

Please thank Time's staff for a truly remarkable turnaround. Let them know you valued their attention to detail and the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community issues in what indeed proved to be a special issue.

Contact: Walter Isaacson, Managing Editor, Time

PRIDE PRIDE PRIDE



At the Fringe

Edward II

This year's Fringe Festival, held on Whyte Ave, is host to a very gay themed play. "Edward II" directed by Darren Saretzki is about King Edward II whose gay lover (or favorite) was exiled and murdered by the nobles. The seven member cast along with the director feel it is

very important to address the subject of gay bashing, both historically and modern day. It is a very artistic interpretation of this play, which traditionally has twenty-one characters, thus most of the cast are playing more than one role.

The intention with this production is not to make this production of Edward II a huge cast historical pageant. We'll leave that to the institution that has those kinds of resources. Instead, imagine

a man, the storyteller, is alone in a space, perhaps a studio, perhaps a theatre. He is surrounded by the objects he has made masks, props, costumes, and maybe even puppets. In comes a group of about six onlookers, some curious youths, others more cynical adults. They see the man's despair. They ask the storyteller to tell his story. He refuses, instead offering to tell the story of Edward the Second. The storyteller draws the onlookers into the story, using the objects around him to transform them into the characters of the play. He



himself takes on the role of Edward.

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Plot Synopsis

Edward Longshanks is dead, so the crown falls to his less able and popular son, Edward II. Edward's first act is to recall his favourite, Piers Gaveston, from the exile imposed by Edward's father. This meets with intense disapproval from the aristocracy and the Church. Edward's dotting on his favourite, his lack of

interest in the affairs of state and his disdain for his loving queen Isabella pits the country against him. Even his former allies (including his brother) turn against him. The ambitious Mortimer, one of Edward's nobles, galvanizes the dissent. Mortimer forces Edward to exile his beloved Gaveston, while winning the affection of Isabella.

The tension climaxes in a battle where his enemies capture Gaveston. In time Edward himself is imprisoned and Mortimer and Isabella rule in the name of Edward's son. The play rushes to a climax as Edward's

Mortimer's and Isabella's fates are decided.

The Ensemble

Kris Loranger - King Edward II

Adam Kuss - Piers Gaveston, Edward's favourite also
Spencer Lightborn - Queen Isabella, wife to Edward also
Bishop of Coventry
Nick Polard - Edmund,



Earl of Kent, brother to Edward also Archbishop of Canterbury
Shannon Ekert - Earl of Lancaster, one of Edward's nobles also Earl of Arundel, Matrevis, Nun
Nathan Durec - Prince Edward, son to Edward and Isabella also Earl of Warwick, Earl of Leister, Gurney

Directed by Darin Saretzky

Stage Managed by Anita Kuny
Movement Coordinator/
Fight Choreographer - Adam Kuss
Mask Instructor - Kris Loranger
Master Builder - Doug Verdin

Badminton League Takes Flight

By Andrew Schuster

"Okay! It's not a birdie. It's a shuttlecock." After 20 years of not playing badminton, one forgets these things. Armed with this new information, I prepared myself to engage in a sporting game of Badminton with some new found friends. With racket raised, stance ready and eyes fixed, I prepared to receive my first serve. Gently the birdie, no shuttlecock, came whistling over the net toward me. Thunk! Over it went to the other side, sort of where I wanted it to go to. Smash! I guess that wasn't at all where I wanted it to go to. Hum!

The idea to re-establish a badminton group in Edmonton spawned when several of us in Edmonton were approached by compatriots in Calgary. They were looking for some badminton players for a tournament they were organizing. Without an established network of badminton players in Edmonton it was difficult to even start to find players. Several years ago there was another badminton league in Edmonton. Unfortunately, when several core members moved away and the regular gym was no longer available, the league folded. In hiatus for a time, it was time to try to revive the group. Clearly there was interest at one time. Perhaps there would be again.

On June 13, just after the Pride Brunch at Secrets Bar and Grill, a flock of Badminton players descended upon the Kinsmen Fieldhouse. This was the inauguration of a badminton league in Edmonton. The players stretched, ran, smashed, laughed, sweat, strategized, and after several hours, they tired. It was a good day and good way to help celebrate Pride 1999 in Edmonton. Since this event, Dennis and Bruce have agreed to help organize the league, the roster of players is expanding and planning for next fall is underway.

Consider joining this group. One of the exciting things for players is that the Calgary Western Cup planned for March 31, 2000 to April 2, 2000 will include Badminton as one of the tournament sports. This past year was the first year that badminton was added to the existing volleyball, curling and bowling competitions. For those of you who have not experienced the Western Cup in Calgary, understand that the event is an opportunity to engage in a sport of your choice and have a lot of fun with a lot of other people from other North American cities. One player in the badminton competition represented Edmonton and it is expected that more Edmontonians will participate next year.

The badminton league is designed for men and women of all levels. You may be an experienced player or a novice. In any case, you are welcome. The group is planning to start officially during the last week in September.

If you are interested in playing or would like further information, please contact Bruce at 453-1244 (email cwbyteddy@powersurf.com) or Dennis at 471-4409.

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Minor Traffic Summons

A New York man was forced to take a day off from work to appear for a minor traffic summons. He grew increasingly restless as he waited hour after endless hour for his case to be heard.

When his name was called late in the afternoon, he stood before the judge, only to hear that court would be adjourned for the next day and he would have to return the next day.

"What for?" he snapped at the judge.

His honor, equally irked by a tedious day and sharp query roared,

"Twenty dollars contempt of court. That's why!"

Then, noticing the man checking his wallet, the judge relented. "That's all right. You don't have to pay now."

The young man replied, "I'm just seeing if I have enough for two more words."

Sick of Blond jokes

This blonde decides one day that she is sick and tired of all these blonde jokes and how all blondes are perceived as stupid, so she decides to show her husband that blondes really are smart. While her husband is off at work, she decides that she is going to paint a couple of rooms in the house.

The next day, right after her husband leaves for work, she gets down to the task at hand.

Her husband arrives home at 5:30 and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a ski jacket and a fur coat at the same time. He goes over and asks her if she is OK.

She replies yes.

He asks what she is doing.

She replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb and she wanted to do it by painting the house. He then asks her why she has a ski jacket and a fur coat on. She replies that she was reading the directions the paint can and they said, for best results, put on two coats.

Substitute Organist

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, after the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty: the roof

repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more.

Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that, is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Martians

The year is 2222 and Mike and Maureen land on Mars after accumulating enough frequent flier miles. They meet a Martian couple and are talking about all sorts of things. Mike asks if Mars has a stock market, if they have laptop computers, how they make money, etc.

Finally, Maureen brings up the subject of sex. "Just how do you guys do it?" asks Maureen. The Martian responds, "Pretty much the way you do." A discussion ensues and finally the couples decide to swap partners for the night and experience one another. Maureen and the male Martian go off to a bedroom where the Martian strips. He's got only a teeny, weeny member about half an inch long and just a quarter inch thick.

"I don't think this is going to work," says Maureen.

"Why?" he asks, "What's the matter?"

"Well," she replies, "It's just not long enough to reach me!"

"No problem," he says, and proceeds to slap his forehead with his palm. With each slap of his forehead, his member grows until it's quite impressively long.

"Well," she says, "That's quite impressive, but it's still pretty narrow."

"No problem," he says, and starts pulling his ears. With each pull, his member grows wider and wider until the entire measurement is extremely exciting to the woman.

"Wow!" she exclaims, as they fell into bed and made mad, passionate love. The next day the couples rejoin their normal partners and go their separate ways. As they walk along, Mike asks "Well, was it any good?"

"I hate to say it," says Maureen, "but it was pretty wonderful. How about you?" "It was horrible," he replies, "all I got was a headache...she kept slapping my forehead and pulling my ears."

An Alberta Redneck in Ireland

An Alberta Redneck walks into a pub in Ireland and clears his voice to the crowd of drinkers. He says, "I hear you Irish are a bunch of hard drinkers. I'll give 500 dollars to anybody in here who can drink 10 pints of Guinness back-to-back." The room is quiet and no one takes up the Albertans offer.

One man even leaves. Thirty minutes later the same gentleman who left shows back up and taps the Redneck

on the shoulder. "Is your bet still good?" asks the Irishman.

The Redneck Albertan says yes and asks the bartender to line up 10 pints of Guinness. Immediately the Irishman tears into all 10 of the pint glasses drinking them all back-to-back.

The other pub patrons cheer as the Albertan sits in amazement.

The Redneck from Alberta gives the Irishman the \$500 and says, "If ya don't mind me askin', where did you go for that 30 minutes you were gone?"

The Irishman replies, "Oh...I had to go to the pub down the street to see if I could do it first".

Why I am So Tired

For a couple years I've been blaming it on iron poor blood, lack of vitamins, dieting and a dozen other maladies. Now I found out the real reason.

I'm tired because I'm overworked. The population of this country is 237 million.

104 million are retired. That leaves 133 million to do the work.

There are 85 million in school, which leave 48 million to do the work.

Of this there are 29 million employed by the federal government.

This leaves 19 million to do the work.

Four million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 15

million to do the work.

Take from the total the 14,800,000 people who work for State and City Government and that leaves 200,000 to do the work.

There are 188,000 in hospitals, so that leaves 12,000 to do the work.

Now, there are 11,998 people in Prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work.

You and me . . . and you're sitting there reading jokes.

Counterfeit

A big-city counterfeiter decided the best place to pass off his phony \$18 bills would be in some small hick Texas town.

So, he got into his new wheels and off he went.

He found a tiny town with a single store. He entered the store and handed one of the bogus bills to the man behind the counter. "Can you change this for me, please?" he said.

The store clerk looked at the \$18 bill a short time, then smiled and told the man, "Ah reckon so, Mister. Ya want 2 nines or 3 sixes?"

The Biggest Cavity

"Open wider," requested the dentist, as he began his examination of the patient. "Good God!" he said startled. "You've got the biggest cavity I've ever seen — the biggest cavity I've ever seen."

"OK Doc!" replied the patient. "I'm scared enough without you saying something like that twice."

"I didn't!" said the dentist. "That was the echo."

Flamboyant!

A man was once on a plane and was served by an obviously gay male flight attendant.

At one point, he bounced over to where the man was sitting and announced "The Captain has asked me to announce that he will be landing the big scary plane shortly, so if you could just put up your trays, that would be great."

He did as he had instructed but the woman sitting next to him did not. A few moments later, the flight attendant came

back and said to her: "Ma'am, perhaps you couldn't hear me over the big scary engine, but I asked you to please put up your tray so that the captain can land the plane."

She still wouldn't comply. Now he was getting angry and asked her again to put up the tray.

She then calmly turned to him and said: "In my country, I am called a princess. I take orders from no one."

The flight attendant replied: "Oh yeah? Well in MY country, I'm called a queen and I outrank you, so put up the fucking tray!"

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EQUAL=ALBERTA

[Edmonton]:

Julie Lloyd and A Year of Activism With Results by Robert Wm. Smith

In April of 1998, following the Supreme Court's decision on *Vriend v. Alberta*, EQUAL=ALBERTA [Edmonton] was formed as the result of a town hall meeting. Forty-two people attended that meeting and each of those individuals spent an evening contributing to what would become the foundation and working plan for the next year. Five committees were formed: Internal Education, External Education, Alliances, Research and the Nuts 'n Bolts, each charged with specific duties and deadlines around creating a disciplined and knowledgeable voice for the gay and lesbian community. It was recognized that we are in a different time, and as a community, we needed to change the way in which we addressed the legislative issues facing us.

Enter Julie Lloyd. Julie is a well-known lawyer in Edmonton and in our community and, as such, has garnered tremendous respect. Julie has the ability to keep the issues on track, to maintain perspective when addressing the legality of those issues and effectively and objectively communicate their implications as they affect the individual and the community. With Julie's guidance, EQUAL=ALBERTA [Edmonton] has taken a proactive stance, not waiting for the Alberta Government to set the agenda, but rather, dictating the form the debate will take. Julie has, in effect, taken the bat out of our

hands and sat us down at the table to dialogue.

Julie Lloyd has been duly recognized by Alberta this year. Articles have been written, Alberta Appeal Court Justices write of her abilities before the bench, Alberta Venture Magazine has recognized Julie as one of the 50 most influential people in the Province of Alberta and our community has honoured Julie with the much earned distinction of the Maureen Irwin award for her tremendous contributions toward equality in Alberta.

I, and other members of the Nuts 'n Bolts Committee of EQUAL=ALBERTA [Edmonton], have gained much from Julie's calm and calculated analysis of the legal and long range implications of legislative activities of the Alberta Government. She brings to our organization the same thorough examination and re-examination of the issues that she applies in her legal practice. Julie has no difficulty with the word "no" and can wield it with impunity. She has emphatically said no to the government, to both opposition parties, to the press and to the right wing fundamentalists. Julie has said no when it was imperative that "no" be understood as our only and correct response.

Given all of the above, I know Julie will want to acknowledge the great work of the other members of EQUAL=ALBERTA [Edmonton]. The entire committee has been selfless and tireless in its pursuit of equality in Alberta. They have given up many

hours for meetings, article writing, press releases and conferences, an Equal Rights Egg Hunt, town hall meetings and letter writing campaigns. Each member of the committee has gone that extra mile to ensure that we remain united in our approach to the issues and to the principles of equitable treatment under the law.

EQUAL=ALBERTA [Edmonton] wishes to publicly acknowledge Julie as a leader and a friend. Our hope is that her continued work on behalf of her community brings with it the kind of success we have experienced in the past year.

We will be taking a "thinking" break over the summer and will be resuming activities with the re-sitting of the Alberta Legislature. That is not to say we will be asleep; there will always be a vigilant and critical eye on all equality issues as they transpire. EQUAL=ALBERTA [Edmonton] welcomes anyone who would like to get involved, in our activity. If you have any ideas of areas/activities in which we can/should get involved bring them to the table and we will help you develop them. We are also interested in getting other areas of the province involved in our organization. If you have the time and the will to fight for equal rights in Alberta, get in touch. EQUAL=ALBERTA [Edmonton] can be reached through the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton (GLCCE) by leaving a message at (780) 488-3234 or by email at equalalberta@hotmail.com. Have a good summer!

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lesbians and gay men, and is overall a positive and informative piece. Unfortunately, it's marred by the inclusion of brief but sensationalistic footage from the Family Research Council (FRC), in which men are shown engaging in sexual conduct. The FRC's description of its covert footage suffices in making clear its views on lesbians and gay men, and its inclusion does little more than give FRC a platform for its exploitative practices. Furthermore, the images shown will likely stay in viewers' minds far longer

than most of the other visuals in the piece, and ultimately, they detract sharply from the positive impact the piece would otherwise have.

Check your local listings to confirm the air time, and tune into "Anti-Gay Hate Crimes." Contact A&E and let them know how you felt about the show.

GLAADAlert Roundup: Looking for Substance Over SPAM

On June 4, 1999, James C. Hormel became the first openly gay ambassador to serve his country when President Clinton exercised his prerogative to offer Hormel a recess appointment to the post of Ambassador to Luxembourg. Much ado has since been made over the appointment. Sen. James

Inhofe (R-OK) has threatened to block all future appointments; Senate Majority Leader Lott has decided to back him; and the Southern Baptist Convention (in part due to Clinton's proclamation recognizing June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month) has rebuked Clinton for Hormel's appointment. Here are some highlights of the media coverage, which has been largely positive.

In the June 21 issue of Newsweek, Jonathan Alter looks at the Hormel appointment with a broad brush—as a litmus test for the Republican Party, particularly for the candidacy of favorite son George W. Bush. He begins his piece

through the eyes of his 10 year-old daughter who knows intuitively that "that's prejudice" when she hears the Republican opposition to Hormel's appointment. While Alter downplays the significance of the ambassadorship itself, he throws down the gauntlet, asserting that "Bush must get the party of Lincoln to stop embracing bigotry and prejudice in any form."

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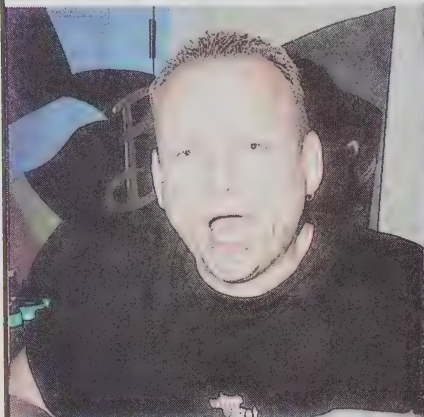
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Here's Why "Christian" Family Groups Love to Hate

Gay And Lesbian Pride Month, 1999

By The President of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

Thirty years ago this month, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, a courageous group of citizens resisted harassment and mistreatment, setting in motion a chain of events that would become known as the Stonewall Uprising and the birth of the modern gay and lesbian civil rights movement. Gays and lesbians, their families and friends, celebrate the anniversary of Stonewall every June in America as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month. And, earlier this month, the National Park Service added the Stonewall Inn, as well as the nearby park and neighborhood streets surrounding it, to the National Register of Historic Places.

I am proud of the measures my Administration has taken to end discrimination against gays and lesbians and ensure that they have the same rights guaranteed to their fellow Americans. Last year, I signed an Executive order that amends Federal equal employment opportunity policy to prohibit discrimination in the Federal civilian work force based on sexual orientation. We have also banned discrimination based on sexual orientation in the granting of security clearances. As a result of these and other policies, gay and lesbian Americans serve openly and proudly throughout the Federal Government. My Administration is also working with congressional leaders to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit most private employers from firing workers solely because of their sexual orientation.

America's diversity is our greatest strength. But, while we have come a long way on our journey toward tolerance, understanding, and mutual respect, we still have a long way to go in our efforts to end discrimination. During the past year, people across our country have been shaken by violent acts that struck at the heart of what it means to be an American and at the values that have always defined us as a Nation. In 1997, the most recent year for which we have statistics, there were more than 8,000 reported hate crimes in our country - almost one an hour. Now is the time for us to take strong and decisive action to end all hate crimes, and I reaffirm my pledge to work with the Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. But we cannot achieve true tolerance merely through legislation; we must change hearts and minds as well. Our greatest hope for a just society is to teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the fundamental values that we hold in common. As part of our efforts to achieve this goal, earlier this spring, I announced that the Departments of Justice and Education would work in partnership with educational and other private sector organizations to reach out to students and teach them that our diversity is a gift. In addition, the Department of Education has issued landmark guidance that explains Federal standards against sexual harassment and prohibits sexual harassment of all students regardless of their sexual orientation; and I have ordered the Education Department's civil rights office to step up its enforcement of anti-discrimination and harassment rules. That effort has resulted in a groundbreaking guide that provides practical guidance to school administrators and teachers for developing a comprehensive approach to protecting all students, including gays and lesbians, from harassment and violence.

Since our earliest days as a Nation, Americans have strived to make real the ideals of equality and freedom so eloquently expressed in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. We now have a rare opportunity to enter a new century and a new millennium as one country, living those principles, recognizing our common values, and building on our shared strengths.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 1999 as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month. I encourage all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate our diversity, and to remember throughout the year the gay and lesbian Americans whose many and varied contributions have enriched our national life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

AIDS Walk

The AIDS/HIV Walk Edmonton 1999 will take place on September 26th, 1999. It begins at 10 AM (warm up, etc.) at the Kinsmen Sports Centre and the Walk itself is at 12 PM. There will be entertainment, food and beverages for all participants before and after the Walk. Walkers can register by phone: (780) 488-5742 fax:(780)488-3735, E-mail

ane@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca and via the web site www.hivedmonton.com.

Participants can register as individuals or as part of a team and there will be prizes given on Walk day. Contacts at the network will be J. or Vikki. Walk kits will be available at many outlets throughout town by July.

As a special note, just to let you know, as of August 1st, 1999 our new address will be #600 10242-105st Edmonton, AB T5J 3L5. Our phone and fax numbers will remain the same.



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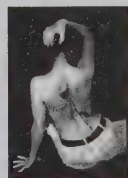
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Be Proud

By Rayven D Dragonfyre

Pride. The word has many different meanings to many different people. To some, it is a rallying cry to stand up for themselves. To others it is a word used to describe their achievements, what they have learned and done. To still more it is a word for self-respect. The meanings go on seemingly forever. No matter what the word means to you, one thing remains the same: it is a word that inspires us, challenges us, dares others to try to subvert us or keep us down, and generally gives a positive spin on our lives. If you were to ask a dozen people what pride means to them, it is unlikely that they will all give the same answer. Undoubtedly, they will each give you their interpretation of the word and what it means to them.

Pride is the emotion that lets us hold our heads high, puts a spring in our step, and gives us the drive to go out and do what we want to. However, when pride ceases to be held in check, it runs rampant and is no longer pride, it is ego. Keep in mind, folks, that swelled heads are much more difficult to fit through doorways, and they don't make hats in "city-block" size.

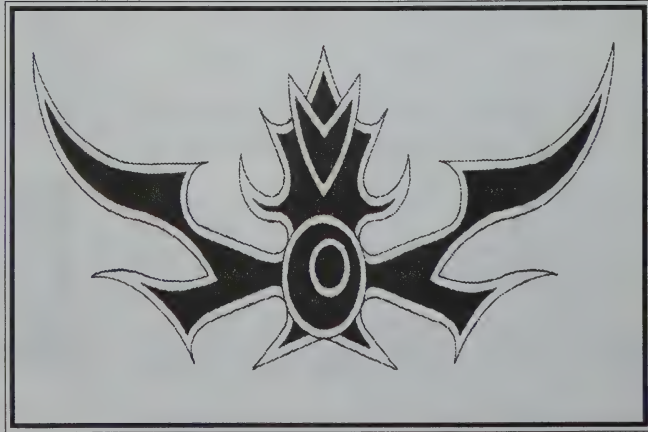
It is okay to be proud of who you are, where you came from, what you have done, and where you are going. It is not okay to allow someone else's

opinions direct your life because that is what they are... opinions. It is you life to live, and the only one you have to impress is yourself because you have to live with yourself 24-7. As of right now, as I write this, my head is filled with a swirling maelstrom of thoughts and sorting them out is kind of like navigating a maze blindfolded and hands tied behind your back. Scary thought.

Pride Week '99 was, in my opinion, a huge success. It was not, however, what I was hoping for. I was hoping to see a lot more youth getting involved, having fun and generally raising the roof (so to speak). While in the Parade, I was atop the Secrets float, and it was a howling blast! I can't remember ever having so much fun at a parade. We were tossing mini-frisbees and yo-yo's, firing water pistols, and having a water-balloon fight with those fine folk who walked along with us (I remained dry... hee hee hee). I hope to see many more fine young folk out there with us next year, for Pride Week 2000. From what I hear, it is promising to be easily ten or twenty times better than this year.

Don't forget your water-balloons and water-guns!!!

Peace and Be Well



Masks

Sean-Jaymz Tonner

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Mask of happiness hides my tears
Mask of anger lashes out
Mask of wrath leads to doubt

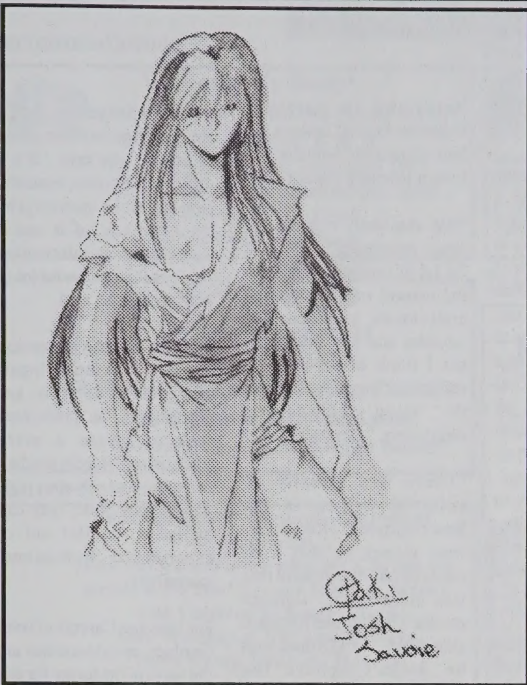
Masks one and all hide my face
Masks one and all plead my case
Mask of doom guides my hand
I know not where I will land

All the masks that I wear
Protect me from those who care
Masks keep the Evil away
Masks keep my friends at bay

Mask of death, Mask of rage
These Masks lock my cage
Deep inside I'm not me
Therein lies the key

Tears of sadness, Tears of joy
Someone help this little boy
Masks have always hidden me
Who am I? I cannot see

Mask of dark, Mask of light
These are the masks that I fight



Madness

Sean-Jaymz Tonner

Darkness lurking deep within
 The struggle I shall never win
 Day by day it gets worse
 So I'll write this simple verse

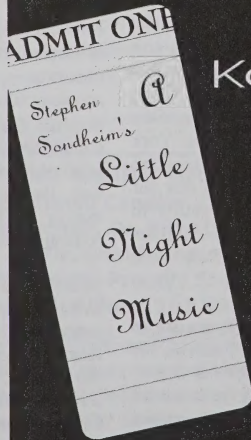
The madness soon shall claim my mind
 Happiness, will I never find
 The curse upon me for all time
 All I have is this little rhyme

The fates have not been kind to me
 Committing me to insanity
 I've tried to fight it but I lost
 Paying with the ultimate cost

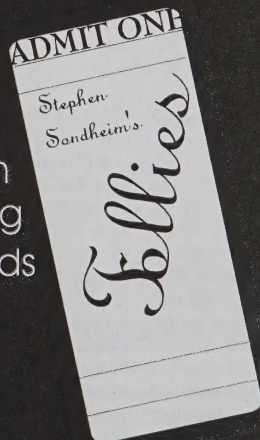
My mind has now left my head
 God I wish I was dead
 Why must I feel this pain
 To end it all, I open my vein

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 My soul, too late to save
 I've committed the ultimate sin
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Chain Bound?

Consolidation Trends in the Gay and Lesbian Press
(The first of two parts)
By Ken Kundis

Reflecting the merger-and-acquisition frenzy of today's global economy, a number of gay and lesbian publications are seeking greater security and prosperity by expanding into new markets - by either creating spin-offs or acquiring already existing publications. While the benefits of such "paper chains" seem obvious, the potential pitfalls are also substantial and sometimes not so apparent.

WindowMedia, which purchased its flagship publication, Atlanta's Southern Voice, in August 1997, has been the most visible example. According to Southern Voice co-publisher Chris Crain, it was WindowMedia's intention from the very start to build a chain of newspapers.

"Our unofficial mission has been 10 papers in five years and I believe we are on track with that," he said.

On New Year's Eve 1997, WindowMedia acquired Houston Voice. Then, on Labor Day 1998, the company purchased Impact Magazine in New Orleans, as well as Eclipse, Impact's nightlife and entertainment guide. WindowMedia is actively investigating other acquisitions, Crain says, and is considering expanding beyond its Southern base.

"Naturally, it's beneficial for us to find papers in the same geographic area, but we're no

longer limiting ourselves to that," he says.

When an outside company moves into a new market, a certain amount of skepticism from the local community is to be expected. In the case of WindowMedia's acquisitions in Houston and New Orleans, Crain says such resistance was allayed by the company's commitment to strong local editorial content and by developing strong ties with the existing staffs.

"In the transition, we try to demonstrate to the staff what our vision is and how they fit into it," he explains. "So far it's been very successful."

And the financial advantages have been even greater than the company had hoped. "The positive economies of scale - where we can get double and triple duty out of editorial content, photographs, and standardization of technologies - have been the real benefit to the organization," he says.

While WindowMedia may be the most aggressive acquisition-minded gay publisher in the country, it is by no means the only one. Mercury Capital Publishing, based in Los Angeles, currently boasts three titles, most notably Frontiers magazine, which was founded 18 years ago. In April 1994, Mercury Capital launched a new Frontiers magazine for the San Francisco area and just last year started up its gay entertainment guide, called In Los Angeles.

According to Associate Publisher David Gardner, the San Francisco venture has been a learning experience.

"We absolutely experienced some resistance," he notes. "A lot of that had to do with the natural relationship and contention between Los Angeles and San Francisco, but I think of some of the resistance was a function of us being viewed as interlopers," Gardner said.

"There was actually an editorial written in the Sentinel saying, 'Don't spend your money in that L.A. publication.' We thought that was unfortunate," Gardner recalls. The Sentinel has since shut down, but Gardner says he doesn't believe the competition from Frontiers was a factor in its closing.

Another tale of two cities is that of the Washington Blade and its spin-off, the New York Blade News. Launched by the Washington paper's top management team in October 1997, the New York Blade News came in the wake of the collapse of the New York Native, says publisher Don Michaels. "We felt that our news focus and ability to deliver timely editorial filled a void in the New York market," he says.

While the two Blades share a similar interior format, the editorial content is largely different, as is the treatment of photographs and graphics in general. Furthermore, the two papers operate as entirely separate editorial and corporate entities. "We have

never wanted to be a conglomerate or own a chain of papers," he says. "It's a difficult thing to do, honestly. You have to be motivated by the news side of it and a desire to provide information - because it is an awful lot of hard work," he said.

Still, the Blade's expansion into New York is clearly part of a growing trend in gay newspapers, as publishers seek to create a more advertising-friendly product in a more cost-effective way. At the same time, they can utilize a smaller set of experienced professional journalists.

For Mercury Capital's David Gardner, conglomerates are the wave of the future for gay and lesbian publications.

"Because of the fact that ad dollars are being stretched so thin, eventually medium and small-sized communities won't be able to support a gay press," he observes. "Regional conglomerates can solve that problem. A healthy paper in one area can fund publishing in a less lucrative one. This way, the company makes money and the entire community is served."

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